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Book Notices.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF COL. JOHN SIEGFRIED. By Rev. John Baer Stoudt. Northampton, Penna., 1914. 8vo, pp. 66. Illustrated.

This attractive book is the outcome of the ceremonies connected with the unveiling of the memorial erected to the memory of Col. John Siegfried and the soldiers of old Northampton county, who served under him at the second battle of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, Whitemarsh, Red Bank and Monmouth. We can congratulate those to whose labors we owe the publication of this valuable addition to the history of the valley of the Lehigh and its sturdy settlers, who championed the cause of the Colonies. In the critical month of December 1776, Washington wrote to Colonel Siegfried and entreated him to call out the militia of Northampton county and hasten to his assistance on the banks of the Delaware, to which he promptly responded with his battalion three days later, and throughout the campaign for the defense of the Delaware the following year, the patriotic yeomanry of Northampton were attached to the division of Gen. John Armstrong. When not in the field with his battalion Colonel Siegfried was collecting supplies for the army, and after the war he filled several offices of honor and trust. Careful research is evident throughout the work and the narrative presented with good taste. The illustrations are numerous and some of them appear for the first time.

BLACK FOREST SOUVENIRS COLLECTED IN NORTHERN PENNSYLVANIA. By Henry W. Shoemaker, Reading, Penna., 1914. Pp. 404. Illustrated.

Contents: John Decker's Elk; Why the Senecas would not eat Trout; Young Woman's Creek; Conquering Fate; In the Rafters; The Winter of Wolves; The Three Rivers; A Story of Regina; The Death Shout; The Healing Spring; A Hunter's Daughter; The moment the Lights were lit; Hugh Mitcheltree; George Shower's Panther; The Trampler; Little Red Ridinghood; The Cursed Woods; The Screaming Scull.

These tales gathered from old pioneers and hunters of the counties of Centre, Clearfield, Potter, Clinton, Mifflin, McKean, Tioga and Lycoming, glow with the spirit of romance and mystery, of pioneer life and adventure, of the woods, camp and cabin, and are sympathetically portrayed by the author, whose facile pen has rendered his account charmingly readable.

GENEALOGY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF THEOBOLD FOUSE (FAUSS), INCLUDING MANY OTHER CONNECTED FAMILIES. By Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh, M.S., M.D., and John Garner Fouse. Baltimore, 1914. 4to, pp. 289. Illustrated. Price \$5.00.

This work gives an historical account as well as a genealogical record of the descendants of Theobald Fouse, who came from Bavaria to America over a century and a quarter ago, and contains more than mere names and dates. The interesting history and character sketches of members of the family have been prepared with the greatest regard for accuracy and the vast amount of data will be read with interest. The volume is an acceptable contribution to the constantly increasing number of genealogies of families of German descent, and in typography and paper, all that could be desired.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY. Vol. IV, No. 4. Pottsville, Pa., 1914. 8vo, pp. 305-462. Illustrated.

This number completes the fourth volume of the publications of this Society. In addition to the list of officers and their annual reports, there are many contributions based upon a strict study of historical documents by trustworthy workers in local historical fields, which

may be drawn upon as required, for their real value. Attention is directed to the following: History of Schuylkill Canal; Tales of the Blue Mountains; Milestones and Tollgates on Centre Turnpike; the Derr Family; Legends and traditions of Schuylkill County; Early Days of Pottsville; Reminiscences of Schuylkill Haven. The Society is in a flourishing condition and doing good local work.

STUDIES IN SOUTHERN HISTORY AND POLITICS. New York. Columbia University Press, 1914. 8vo, pp. 394.

Contents: I. Deportation and Colonization: An Attempted Solution of the Race problem, by Prof. Walter L. Fleming. II. The Literary movement for Secession, by Prof. Ulrich B. Phillips; III. The Frontier and Secession, by Prof. Charles W. Ramsdell; IV. The French Consuls in the Confederate States, by Prof. M. L. Ronham, Jr.; V. The Judicial Interpretation of the Confederate Constitution, by Prof. Sidney D. Brummer; VI. Southern legislation in respect to Freedman, 1865-1866, by Prof. J. G. de R. Hamilton; VII. Carpet-baggers in the United States Senate, by Prof. C. M. Thompson; VIII. Grant's Southern Policy, by Prof. E. C. Woolley; IX. The Federal Enforcement Act, by Prof. W. W. Davis; X. Negro Suffrage in the South, by Prof. W. Roy Smith; XI. Some phases of Educational history in the South since 1865, by Prof. W. K. Boyd; XII. The new South, economic and social, by Prof. Holland Thompson; XIII. The political philosophy of John C. Calhoun, by Prof. C. E. Merriam; XIV. Southern political theories, by Prof. D. G. Thomas; XV. Southern politics since the Civil War, by Prof. James W. Garner.

A year ago a group of former students of Dr. William A. Dunning, professor of history and political philosophy, in Columbia University, who has done so much to stimulate interest among investigators in later American history, conceived the idea of a testimonial of their regard for him as a teacher, and of their admiration of him as a man and scholar, by writing a series of essays and issue them in the form in which they now appear. An index has been appended.

THE COLONIAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA, CHARTER, CONSTITUTION, BY LAWS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, MEMBERS, ETC. Philadelphia, 1914. 8vo, pp. 174.

This Society formed for the purpose of celebrating anniversaries of events connected with the settlement of Pennsylvania prior to 1700, of collecting, preserving and publishing records and documents relating to the early history of that Colony, and to perpetuate the memory of the early settlers of the American Colonies, has issued a new Year Book. March 15th, the anniversary of the granting of the Charter to William Penn, and November 8, the anniversary of Penn's landing in Pennsylvania are specially celebrated. Among the fourteen publications of the Society are the following: *The American Weekly Mercury*, Vols. 1-4, 1719-1723, republished in fac-simile; *Records of the Court of New Castle on Delaware, 1676-1681*; *Record of the Courts of Chester County, Pennsylvania, 1681-1697*; *History of the Province of Pennsylvania*, by Samuel Smith. The membership claims are printed in pedigree form and an index of ancestors under whom claims are made has been appended. The work is a credit to the Publication Committee.

ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE REVOLUTION, 1913-1914. Philadelphia, 1914. 8vo, pp. 81.

The attractive and valuable annual report of this Society has for upwards of a quarter century, by its publications, the erection of memorials, and the celebration of prominent events connected with our struggle for independence, been instrumental in reviving a more active patriotic spirit in the State. In addition to the list of officers, it contains the

annual report of the Board of Managers to the 1112 members of the Society; necrological sketches of the twenty-nine members who died during the year; the annual sermon preached by Rt. Rev. P. M. Rhinelander, D.D., LL.D., and an historical address, "When Washington was President," by Prof. John Bach McMaster. The Society will soon erect in this city, a monument to the memory of Maj.-Gen. Anthony Wayne.

A HISTORY OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE, 1819-1841, by Thomas Maitland Marshall, Ph.D. (University of California Publications in History, Volume II.) January, 1915. Pp. xiii, 263. Price, in paper covers, \$1.75; cloth, \$2.00.

In this volume has been undertaken for the first time the presentation of a history of the negotiations of the boundary of the Louisiana Purchase, viewed in its entirety. The narrative of the boundary negotiations, with Spain, Mexico, and the Republic of Texas successively, lays emphasis particularly on the period after 1819, and is assisted by the inclusion in the text of many maps illustrating the various boundary proposals and also the several suggestions of a "neutral ground." There is also a larger guide map, and a reduced reproduction of the significant portion of the hitherto unpublished map of the Pichardo Boundary Commission of 1811. A very full bibliography and index will aid the reader.

CATALOGUE OF LIBRARY OF BREV.-COL. JOHN PAGE NICHOLSON, U. S. VOLS., A.M., LIT. D., RELATING TO THE WAR OF THE REBELLION, 1861-1866. Philadelphia 1914. 8vo, pp. 1022. 300 copies privately printed.

No more important or valuable contribution to the literature of the War of the Rebellion has been published, than the catalogue of the library of Colonel Nicholson, comprising books, manuscripts, pamphlets and excerpts, which are serviceably and handsomely bound. The absence of *Lincolniana* and books relating to the Navy, is due to the fact, that Maj. W. H. Lambert was gathering his incomparable library, and Asst.-Eng'r Frederick Schober, U. S. N., his collection of this branch of the service. Colonel Nicholson commenced the formation of his great library in 1865, and his success in collecting so comprehensive a library of Rebellion matter is due to his tireless energy and the sympathetic aid of his soldier friends. It would be deplorable to contemplate the possibility of this remarkable collection not being kept intact, and made accessible to present and future historians, who are yet to write the history of our great struggle for the maintenance of the Union.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA. Vol. VI, No. 1. March 1915. 8vo, pp. 105.

This active Society, organized twenty-three years ago, has on its shelves, 302 manuscript volumes of transcripts of church and meeting registers, wills, and other official records affording genealogical information. The reputation of the collection is widely known and is largely consulted, but by doubling the present membership the usefulness of the Society could be increased. The contents of the present publication are the following: The First Provincial Council of Pennsylvania and its Members, by J. Granville Leach; Bible Records; Odiorne Family, by Mrs. William Howell; Urie Family, by Miss Mary E. Wood; Reinhold Family, by Prof. E. S. Reinhard; Tombstone Inscriptions; Bethel Graveyard; Mount Lebanon Graveyard, Allegheny Co.; and Union Graveyard; St. Clair Graveyard, Westmoreland Co., Penna., by Mary E. Wood; Abstracts of Westmoreland Co. Wills (continued); Minutes of Philadelphia Monthly Meeting of Friends (continued); Memoirs of Henry Pemberton, Jr., and William M. Mervine, and the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Board of Directors.

FIRST REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF PENNSYLVANIA. 1915. 8vo, pp. 41.

Two years ago the Assembly of Pennsylvania created this Commission and charged it with the duty of marking by proper monuments, tablets or markers, places or buildings where historical events have transpired, as well as the preservation or restoration of ancient or historic public buildings, military works or monuments, connected with the history of Pennsylvania. From their first report, we find that the work of the Commission has been to a large extent merely preliminary and educational; that its policy is to encourage and stimulate a spirit of public inquiry and local effort; that it has made partial examinations of the sites and events that have been marked through local efforts or jointly by the Commonwealth, and they have also prepared their first list of sites suggested to be marked. The Commission will recommend that the first legislative grant be made for the erection of a monumental memorial at the scene of Bouquet's battle at Busby Run, in 1763, to mark the conquest of the Indian on Pennsylvania soil. The personnel of the Commission guarantees that the important part played by Pennsylvania in the development of the American nation will be given just credit.

JAPAN TO AMERICA. A SYMPOSIUM OF PAPERS BY POLITICAL LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS OF JAPAN ON CONDITIONS IN JAPAN AND ON THE RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES. Edited by Naoichi Masaoka, with an introduction by Lindsay Russell. New York, 1915. Pp. 235.

This volume issued under the auspices of the Japan Society of America, organized in New York ten years ago, to promote friendly relations between the United States and Japan, is a symposium of papers which give first-hand information as to the ideals and policies of Japanese leaders, and also on the all-important matter of Japan's attitude towards the United States. It has been prepared under the editorial supervision of Prof. Naoichi, by statesmen and other representative leaders of thought in Japan. These essays make clear the conviction of the writers, that the best and lasting interests of Japan lie in the preservation of the historic friendship with the United States. A companion volume, *America's Message to Japan*, is in preparation.

THE LIFE AND WORKS OF JOHN SINGLETON COPLEY. By Frank W. Bayley. Boston, 1915. 8vo, pp. 285.

Following a memoir of Copley is a list of his paintings founded on the work of the late Augustus Thorndike Perkins, and also the researches of the compiler. The descriptions of the paintings, with interesting historical data, new and trustworthy, will be a help to people who ask for an authoritative guide. A full index is appended, and typographically the book is attractive.

THE PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, Tenth Annual Meeting, Harrisburg, January 21, 1915. 8vo, pp. 85.

From the annual report of the Federation of Historical Societies, we learn that forty-one societies are members, and that during this year will be published a bibliography of Lancaster county. The reports of the President and the tables prepared by the Secretary, which gives the titles of publications and papers read before the societies of the Federation, will be found of value and interest.

THE SNYDER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN, Vol. I, No. 5.—

This issue of the *Bulletin* contains in addition to the list of officers and proceedings of the Society, many interesting and valuable contributions to local history. The life and character of Governor Simon

Snyder, the War Governor of Pennsylvania, 1812-15, by George W. Wagenseller, has been compiled with care, and follows his civil and political life in the many positions of honor and trust which he filled.

CATALOGUE OF THE PORTRAITS AND OTHER WORKS OF ART IN INDEPENDENCE HALL, PHILADELPHIA, 1915. Compiled by Wilfred Jordan, pp. 188. Illustrated.

This attractive catalogue of the portraits and works of art on exhibition in the State House, Philadelphia, has been prepared by Mr. Jordan with the view to its usefulness for present and future reference. The nucleus of the collection of historical portraits came from Peale's Museum, which at one time occupied the upper floor of the building. In addition to the Charles W. Peale's portraits, there are excellent examples of West, Stuart, Pine, Sully, Ramsay, and the James Sharpless collection of over forty pastel portraits. Of the "Signers" all but eight are represented, of these no authentic portraits are known. The catalogue is alphabetically arranged by subject and the number printed corresponds with that on the frame of the picture. The biographical notes are helpful.

HISTORY OF LAND TITLES IN THE VICINITY OF QUAKERTOWN, NEW JERSEY. By Mary C. Vail. Flemington, N. J., 1915. 8vo, pp. 15.

A valuable compilation to local history, prepared by the late Mrs. Vail, who intended to read it before the Hunterdon County Historical Society, but her untimely death prevented further research on the subject and it is printed as she left it. Hiram E. Deats, the Secretary and Librarian of the Society, is preparing for publication in the *Hunterdon County Democrat*, the marriage records of the county, 1795-1876, arranged in alphabetical order under the names of both husband and wife, and also a number of genealogical articles relating to prominent families.

YEAR BOOK OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY, 1915. By Barr Ferree, Director of the Society. New York, 1915. Pp. 272.

Organized in New York, in 1899, this Society, with a membership of 1500, is the only one that stands directly for the idea that Pennsylvanians, banded together for Pennsylvania, are better Pennsylvanians than those who stand apart. The Year Book, compiled by Director Ferree, will keep alive the memory of Pennsylvania, and his Pennsylvania Kalendar and Anniversaris, with notices of books written by Pennsylvanians and relating to their Commonwealth, are prominent incentives. Upwards of eighty illustrations add to the interest and value of the book.